

Jedi Academy



Sarah Scott Middle School is Making it Happen!



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IN TRAINING
AT SARAH SCOTT MIDDLE SCHOOL

WE ARE Sarah Scott Middle School, a Title I middle school located at 1000 Grant Street in the South Central portion of the city of Terre Haute, Indiana. We offer a full array of academic and co-curricular programs for a diverse and active urban student population.

* Enrollment-410 * Faculty-46

*Poverty Rate-87.1% *SPED Rate-26.1%

*1 of 5 middle schools in the Vigo County School Corporation, which has total enrollment of 15,132 and a poverty rate of 56.1%

OUR STUDENTS & FAMILIES represent a diverse population as indicated by the table below.

	Total	Multi-				Native	
	Enrollment	White	Black	racial	Hispanic	Asian	American
Number	414	278	61	50	18	5	2
	Percent	67.1%	14.7%	12.1%	4.3%	1.2%	0.5%

OUR TEACHERS under the leadership of Principal Scotia Brown, are an extraordinary and powerful force! Through the School Improvement Grant, instructional coaches work alongside classroom teachers to help students improve their performances in reading, writing, and math.

OUR PROMISING PRACTICE is an

after school program servicing 105 students who are in need of extra help with language arts and math. Students report to their "Jedi Academy" on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays to work on Acuity tutorials. Teachers (Jedi masters) maintain data binders including individual student progress and identified areas of deficiencies.

OUR STEPS

- Dates were set for the 12 week after school program – January 19-April 14, 2016.
- Teachers were hired based on the eligible students (students within 20-30 points of passing ISTEP+)
 - 12 teachers and 3 substitutes were hired to accommodate 105 students.
- A flyer to inform parents was generated to send to eligible students.
- Personal calls were made to each parents to answer questions.
- The cafeteria manager was enlisted to prepare healthy snacks for the after school program.
- Acuity tutorials were utilized as curriculum.
- Focus groups were established
- Acuity tutorials were assigned to individual students based on their focus groups.
- Each teacher was assigned a specific number of students to monitor throughout the program.
- A commercial was produced and broadcast prior to the beginning of Jedi Academy.
- Incentives were provided to foster student's participation and encouragement.

IN OUR OWN WORDS

- "I'm more prepared to take the ISTEP test because of Jedi Academy" -6th grade student
- "You can't help school getting tougher, you just need to get smarter. Jedi Academy helps me do that." -7th grade students
- "Jedi Academy is helping me prepare and review for the ISTEP. I can understand more." -8th grade student
- "My child feels more comfortable taking the ISTEP and she doesn't feel afraid anymore. She has enjoyed the program." –Parent
- "It is awesome seeing middle school students race to an after school program." –Teacher
- It is our intention to give our students every opportunity to be successful. The Jedi Academy fosters a sense of challenge, focus and success for each student. And, they're having fun with it!" -Principal

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